excess production of FCV tobacco in the country, lower international prices, and uncertainty about Russian purchaser, there was a decline in the prices of FCV tobacco compared to last year.

(b) to (d) The shere of purchases by domestic manufacturers in the overall sales, the average prices paid by them and the percentage by which average price paid by manufacturers exceeded overall avarage price during the last 3 years are given below :—

Auction	Total Crop marketed		Purchases by Manufacturers		% share of total Quantity Marketed	% by which Av. Pr. paid by Mfrs. exceeded overall Av. Price
	Qty. (M. kg.)	Av. Pr. (Rs./kg.)	Qty. (M. kg.)	Av. Pr. (Rs./kg.)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
ANDHRA PRADESH						
1993	125.60	20.75*	56.93	24.70	45.32	19.03
1992	132.78	27.63	45.52	31.06	34.28	12.41
1991	89.17	33.00	39.29	35.22	44.06	6.72
KARNATAKA						
1992-93	33.24	26.52	12.08	30.95	36.34	16.70
1991-92	26.41	42.13	8.66	45.34	32.79	7.61
1990-91	20.32	26.44	7.09	30.99	34.89	17.20

(*Provisional)

As part of their business strategy, domectic manufacturers buy a part of their requirement of tobacco from dealers operating on the auction floors. However, they do not indicate the quantities they intend to buy from dealers and the names of such dealers/suppliers in respect of any auction season.

Cigarettes sold in the Country

2136. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cigarettes sold in India annually;

(b) what is their value; and

(c) what is the gross and net profits released by the manufacturers during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The information is not centrally maintained.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deletion of some Items from the Negative List

2137. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some items of imports have been deleted from the negative list recently;

(b) if so, the names of those items with the reasons for the deletion;

(c) whether import norms have also been revised for some items;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the above measures would be help to earn good amount of foreign exchange; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?